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The citations are largely drawn from Massachusetts cases but the subject is dealt with in such a way as to make the book valuable as a source of reference in any part of the United States. For a quick method of "brushing up" on the subject the book should prove of great value but it does not pretend to treat of the matter in the extensive and scholarly manner of Pomeroy. However, it is the author's purpose to produce simply a book of rules for the use of the busy practitioner and in this he has succeeded admirably.

A Sketch of English Legal History. By Frederic W. Maitland and Francis C. Montague. Edited by James F. Colby. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. 1915. pp. 229.

This book is a reprint of a series of articles which appeared in "Social England." Its purpose is to furnish a brief but comprehensive, accurate but untechnical account of the origin and growth of English law. The book is of value to Americans only as giving an historical account of that system of law from which our system is largely derived, but being written in an untechnical and interesting fashion it should be largely read by students of English law. To all such we heartily commend it.

Ethics in Service. By William Howard Taft, New Haven. Yale University Press. 1915. pp. 101.

This book consists of the addresses delivered in the Page Lecture Series, 1914, by Professor Taft before the senior class of the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University. The first two chapters are given over to a discussion of the ethics and ideals of the legal profession. There is there set forth a short history of the profession, showing that though lawyers have ever received the condemnation of their fellow citizens, yet the profession has ever been in the lead in the progress of society and has contributed very many illustrious names to the pages of history. This section also contains an outline and discussion of the system of legal ethics as advocated and practiced to-day. The third chapter contains a discussion of the Executive Power which is even more interesting for the inclusion of several incidents in which the author took part. The last two chapters deal with "The Signs of the Times" in which the author discusses such

timely topics as initiative and referendum, the recall, "muckraking," trade-unionism and others. The book is written in the author's most entertaining as well as instructive style and should be in the hands of every student of our government.

Law and Its Administration. By Dean Stone of Columbia University Law School. Columbia University Press. 1915. pp. 232.

Though these lectures were prepared for delivery before a lay audience and hence necessarily cannot contain any elaborate or technical consideration of the subject, yet they should prove of intense interest to the lawyer and student. They contain just that general jurisprudence which every student should be acquainted with in order to understand the fundamental reasons for our system of law and which is all too often neglected in the effort to acquire sufficient knowledge of the bare rules to pass a fast approaching bar examination. The two chapters on Fundamental Legal Conceptions are especially valuable. It is beyond the scope of this review to give in detail the contents of the book. Suffice it to say that it covers in a most interesting fashion those more fundamental notions which underlie our legal system and should be read by every earnest student of the law.

United States Mining Statutes Annotated. By J. W. Thompson. Government Printing Office, Washington. 1915. pp. 1772.

This work is produced under the supervision of the Bureau of Mines. It consists of two volumes, the first of which is taken up by Part I containing the "Sections and Statutes Relating to Metalliferous and Coal Mining," the second by Part II which deals with "Miscellaneous Mining Subjects." It is an accurate and comprehensive work and one which should prove invaluable to one interested in this subject, whether layman or professional.

Pathological Lying, Accusation and Swindling. By William Healy and Mary Tenney Healy. Published by Little, Brown & Co., Boston. 1915. pp. X and 286.

This volume is the first of a series of Monograph Supplements to the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. It is a departure from the usual treatise in that it adapts the "case system"